

MEDIA RELEASE: Project Compassion 2022 – Week Five

Shaniella, 23, grew up in a village in the Solomon Islands with her parents and three brothers.

In 2020, Shaniella moved away to study hospitality and tourism at a vocational school supported by Caritas Australia Solomon Islands, through the Happy, Healthy, Holistic Community Development program.

The school is in a particularly disaster-prone area and not long after Shaniella started, the school was hit by a landslide, flooding, and a cyclone, all in quick succession.

The school's main source of water was destroyed, buildings were damaged and the garden, which the school relied on for food, was devastated.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, Caritas Australia Solomon Islands helped install water tanks, restoring clean water access to nearby schools, health centres and the wider community. Training was held in agricultural skills to help boost the school community's food security, as well as in environmental risk management and emergency responses.

Now, Shaniella can complete her skills training, with enough water and food to eat, and improved sanitation. She is improving her ability to earn an income, learning skills which will expand her job opportunities. Students are also better prepared to respond when disaster strikes.

Please help support people like Shaniella and make a difference to the lives of the most marginalised and vulnerable members of society.

Your gift will help uplift the most marginalised and vulnerable members of society.

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This year, Caritas Australia is also encouraging supporters to run their own fundraising events. Learn more at fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/

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